

SAW TWO MEN PUT TO DEATH

Brother of Policeman Samuels
Writes of Recent Trouble
in China.

From the United States steamship Callao, stationed in the far waters of the East, where the "best" is as the worst and the worst is as the best, comes a letter to a Richmond citizen, telling of some of the details of the revolution now in progress in Cathay.

The writer is Joseph Hill, a seaman on board the Callao, and he writes to his brother-in-law, Charles B. Samuels, a member of the bicycle squad of the Richmond Police Department.

Writing on October 24, more than two months ago, Hill said that his ship was stationed near Canton, and that he expected every minute that a force of marines would be landed. He had seen, he says, two Chinese executions. The men were beheaded. Both had their arms bound and their legs shackled. One went to his doom with a cigar in his mouth, and puffed away until the axe cut off all his earthly hopes and his desire for the fragrant weed. The other victim went to his death without a cigar—but as nonchalantly.

The seaman also stated that the revolutionaries had set up a general of the Imperial army. They succeeded in killing two of the general's aides, but the general himself escaped.

It took two days to write the letter, for just as the seaman was about to finish there sounded the call to arms, and he ended for that day by saying that he expected to be sent ashore. The epistle was concluded the next day. The sailors had been summoned for service, but the recall was soundless, and they went again to their quarters.

The letter was received in San Francisco on November 24, exactly one month from the day on which it was dated. Officer Samuels received it the other day.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy of Music—"The Strugglers."
Beverly—Beverly, matinee and night.
Hardly Comic Opera.

Much slenderer than in days of yore, restless, vivacious and charming, Fritz Scheff appeared at the Academy of Music last night in "The Strugglers," a new comic opera by Victor Herbert, with book by Joseph Herbert and lyrics by M. M. Schaeff. Mrs. Scheff, who was, doubtless, very marvelous gown—indeed, they must have been, for the scene in the program usually devoted to some mention of the musical numbers and of the stage and musical directors was occupied by the names of those inspired artists whose genius created the gown. This valuable information was probably intensely interesting to many, but the omission of the customary list of numbers made it exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to sort out the singers and dancers in the cast—small as it was. In spite of her recent retirement from the stage, so widely advertised, Mrs. Scheff was in excellent voice and sang the little part of the program with all her usual charm of diction and purity of tone, and, as always, she shone "begemmed with jewels bright," shining the more because of her utter inability, or refusal, to remain still for a single instant—apparently a bundle of nerves, molded into a wonderful form.

Next to Mrs. Scheff, the bright star of the performance was May Boley, as Angelique. Plump, graceful, absurdly dressed and clever in her fun-making, she won the house. Laura Hamilton danced her dainty way into instant favor as Mairaine (according to the program), while she has no voice, her pretty face, slender figure and dancing grace made her bit stand out. Philip (again the program) was played by George Anderson, a manly, handsome chap, who is so good an actor that one regrets that he, too, has no voice. From information received, it seems that the one person in the company, besides Mrs. Scheff, who displayed any voice was Madison Smith, who sang the bit of Alfonso Castale with a fairly good baritone. The other

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ers of the cast were negligible quantities, and the sixteen women and eight men who, conceived the opera, were not good looking nor could they sing, the sound produced by all of them together was not large enough for one sitting in D row to judge of its quality.

Of the principals it may be said that they had small opportunities, for the piece itself has little merit. "Comic opera" is rather a large phrase to apply to it—"comedy with music" is nearer, and, at that, there was little music and less comedy. Mrs. Scheff had several pretty songs that were pleasant, and a duet with Phillips in the second act, concluding with a pantomimic dance, that was probably the best of the musical numbers, while Miss Boley furnished practically all the comedy. Even the orchestra of ten or twelve pieces carried by the company did not distinguish itself.

However, the setting of the names was heavy, elaborate and really beautiful.

W. D. G.

"Beverly" Is a Hit.

Proving to be one of those lovable, likable, yet indefinable comedies which manage to grip and hold, "Beverly," dramatized from George Barr McCutcheon's novel, "Beverly of Graustark," which was presented at the Bijou last night, more than satisfied the usual first night audience at that playhouse.

You might call "Beverly" a romantic drama, and again you might call it pure melodrama, or you might say that it was comedy, while another time tragedy would suggest itself. And, indeed, you would be right in every instance, for, as a matter of fact, "Beverly" is all of these things combined, yet combined so pleasantly that one forgets the tragedy of it all, and is carried away by the melodramatic moments, in contemplation of the whole, so rapid is the transition from tears to laughter, or from awe to smiles.

Indeed, Beverly herself is so entrancing, is so cleverly portrayed by the little girl, that anything which the book girl might say or do would be pleasing. And one cannot think of Beverly without thinking of her old negro mammy, which, done by Lillian Allen Devere, is one of the best of characterizations witnessed here in many days.

Beverly Calhoun, a young woman of Washington, D. C., travels all the way from her American home across the seas to Graustark, charmed by her prince of the foreign country, and forthwith falls in love with Baldos, a mountaineer, who is in reality a prince. The action is fast, and there is always something interesting either happening or about to happen. The trials of the lovers, the accusations brought against Baldos, his sentence to be shot as a traitor, and his final liberation in the last act, when he and his American sweetheart pledge each other's love, are full of the story.

The play is a gem. Not a single character but is in the hands of some one who knows how. Lawrence Ewart, as Baldos, afterwards Prince Danton, has a pleasing stage presence, and a modulated voice—just the kind of voice that never tires and impresses one more as a sprightly ingenue, ready with quip or gibe to take a verbal advantage. Altogether lovable, she captivates her audience as well as her stage lover.

Boyd M. Turner, as the suspicious and crafty General Marland, is making the most of a mean part. Florence Radloff is just as imperial and commanding as Princess Yette should be, while Hazel Haroun, as the sister of Prince Danton, does her little bit so exceedingly well that one is bound to notice her.

Altogether the company is more than acceptable, and "Beverly" deserves a week of uninterrupted success.

"The Strugglers."

One of the distinctive American plays of the season is coming to the Academy for one performance only, and promises to be an attraction of exceptional merit.

"The Strugglers" is away from the beaten path of dramatic creations, which treat of life in the far West. The characters are real people and not the overdrawn type of stage Westerns so often found in tales of the field life. The company is headed by Margaret Keen.

Lecture on Scout Life.

On Tuesday evening next, in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, the Captain, Confederate States Army, will give an interesting lecture on "Scout Life With the Army of Northern Virginia."

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The lecture will be under the auspices of the Huguenot Society.

Easton—Bristow.

Fredericksburg, Va., December 4.—Harry Easton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Mildred Bristow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bristow, of Middlesex county, were married Thursday at the home of the bride, Rev. J. P. Essex, assisted by Rev. C. Kidd, officiating. Miss Florence Bristow was maid of honor. The couple left for a wedding trip.

La Vista Farm Sold.

Spotsylvania, Va., December 4.—"La Vista" farm, in Spotsylvania county, near Massaponax, and containing 350 acres land, was sold last week for \$8,000 cash. The property was originally owned by J. McCalla Boulware, of Fredericksburg.

MOTHER AND CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED

Both Taken to Petersburg Hospital, Where Girl's Condition Is Desperate.

APPOINTMENT AT MATOACA

Rev. Joseph Gresham Named for
Methodist Episcopal Church.
Other News Notes.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau,
5 Bollingbrook Street,
(Telephone 1485)

Petersburg, Va., December 4.—Charlotte, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. McKenney, was seriously and her mother painfully burned this morning, while visiting the family of Mr. Lewis, at the little girl and the Lewis children had been left temporarily at home in one of the bedrooms. Their screams brought the mother hurriedly to the room. Mrs. McKenney saw her little girl's clothing ablaze from head to foot, having caught on fire from the open grate. Before the flames could be extinguished the little girl was badly burned about the face and body, and her mother in her efforts to save the little one was painfully burned about the hands and arms. Mother and child were brought to the city at once to receive medical attention. The child's condition is serious.

To Fill Pulpit.
The appointment of a minister to Matoaca Methodist Episcopal Church has been left open by the Virginia Conference, the pulpit has been supplied by Presiding Elder J. K. Joffe by the appointment of Rev. Joseph Gresham, a local preacher and a Petersburg boy. Several young Petersburg men are now studying for the ministry, and a number of the Methodist pulpits in the Virginia and other conferences are now filled by sons of Petersburg.

Married in Washington.
Among the passengers on the early northbound Seaboard Air Line train this morning were Miss Bessie Whitaker and Linwood Short, a well-known and popular young couple of this city. Their destination was Washington, to be married. They will extend their trip North before their return home.

Personal and Otherwise.
Dr. D. E. May, one of the oldest physicians in the city, was taken ill at his office yesterday and was removed to the hospital. His condition today is improved.

The funeral of young Leslie H. Eanes, who died in Loomis, N. Y., on Tuesday, was held at the Second Presbyterian Church this afternoon, and was very largely attended. The floral offerings were beautiful.

Postmaster Nugent, of Ettrick, who has been confined to his home by sickness for some time, is convalescent. The report of the Chief of Police shows a total of 99 arrests in this city last month. The charges in fifteen cases were felony, in twenty-six cases larceny, and in thirty-eight cases violation of city ordinances.

Rev. George H. Spooner, the new pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, preached at the annual and attentive congregations Sunday morning and night, and created a highly favorable impression.

Announcement of appointments for the ensuing year of the Virginia and Albemarle (N. C.) Conference. At the A. M. E. Zion Church, which had been in joint session here for several days, were read late last night in the Oak Church. Bishop J. W. Hood announced the appointments for the districts of the Virginia Conference as follows:

Petersburg District—Rev. M. N. Levy, D. D., presiding elder. Petersburg, B. Bolding; Piney Grove, C. W. Brown; Chesapeake, T. J. Williams; Mt. Zion, C. C. Robinson; Grand Church, R. C. Council; Charlie Hope, E. Hines; Blackstone, W. H. Fletcher; Mt. Hope Church, L. T. Conquest; Zion Church, R. P. Perry; Courtland, J. S. Bricker; Richmond, O. G. Jenkins; Burdette, P. A. Davis; Emporia, J. A. Stringfield; St. Thomas, A. Rice.

Norfolk District—Rev. C. W. Wingfield, D. D., presiding elder. Met. Station, Norfolk, R. H. Riddick; Union Station, H. B. Pettigrew; Jones; Berkeley, L. E. Carr; Mount Pleasant Church, E. S. Burney; Sunbury Church, E. D. Woods; Suffolk, W. M. Ruffin; Franklin, W. N. Bertrand; Hickory, G. Gordon; Little Aid Church, John Boothe; Portsmouth, J. M. Neale; St. Joseph's Mission, L. W. Waldron; Gilmerston, W. T. Lamb; Newport News, F. R. Smith; St. Mark's Mission, B. F. Wheeler; Water Cure Mission, C. Grimm.

Bishop G. W. Clinton announced the appointments for the two districts in the Albemarle Conference. The Rev. S. P. Cooke is made presiding elder of the Piedmont District, and the Rev. M. P. Hawkins presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District.

The Virginia Conference will meet in Franklin next year, and the Albemarle Conference in Elizabeth City.

Alleged Assault.
On complaint of Robert Trainham, of Blackstone, William Kennedy, colored, was arrested yesterday, and held in jail, charged with assaulting and robbing him. Kennedy is accused by Trainham of taking his watch and \$15 in money. The case will be heard tomorrow.

Sunday School Officers Elected.
The following officers of the West End Baptist Church Sunday School have been elected:
Superintendent, W. M. Rucker; Assistants, R. W. Kruse and J. M. McKenney; Secretary, L. M. Whitson; Assistant, F. L. Collier; Treasurer, J. W. Holt; Music Director, W. H. Mackasey; Librarian, James Johnson; Pianists, Misses Blanche Pillow and Myra Kruse. The West End Church follows January 8 by the Democratic National Committee. Selection of convention cities, choosing of committee

**REGULAR SESSION
OF CONGRESS IS ON**
(Continued From First Page.)

In either branch of Congress from now until adjournment will be thoroughly considered from political as well as legislative viewpoints. The political pot in Washington will soon begin to boil, with the Republican National Committee meeting here December 12, to be followed January 8 by the Democratic National Committee. Selection of convention cities, choosing of committee

chairmen, who will manage the big campaigns and plans for the approaching party conventions, and the subsequent battle of the ballots, will attract as much attention from the nation's legislators as will the making of the nation's laws.

To enliven the political interest in both houses, there are candidates for the presidency casting their shadows across the horizon. Champ Clark, the Speaker of the House, already considered among the Democratic possibilities, may at any time make presidential pronouncement to his colleagues, and Representative Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, the Democratic floor leader, also is talked of throughout the country as presidential timber.

In the Senate Mr. La Follette already has been proclaimed by Progressive Republicans as their choice to wrest the nomination from Mr. Taft.

Bryan Stumbling Block.
In the House the political interest will be further complicated by the attitude of Mr. Bryan, who has quarreled with Mr. Underwood, and branded him as a reactionary, and now criticizes Speaker Clark in what many Democrats declare is an effort to cause a breach between the Speaker and the majority leader of the House.

The tariff legislation program will follow the long awaited report of the Tariff Board, which is expected to submit the result of its investigations on wool and cotton before the holidays. The Ways and Means Committee of the House, however, under the direction of Chairman Underwood, will begin at once the preparation of new tariff bills. Throughout the recess a force of clerks and experts have been at work preparing for the committee. President Taft has given his pledge that when the Tariff Board submits its report on the woolen and cotton schedules it will be his pleasure to make tariff recommendations to Congress. The subject will be treated in a special message.

Meanwhile, however, the Ways and Means Committee will begin preparation of revised schedules to include wool, cotton, iron and steel products, sugar and other foodstuffs. An important schedule to come up is the sugar schedule, and in dealing with this the House and the Ways and Means Committee will be guided somewhat by the report of the special committee of inquiry into the American Sugar Refining Company, which is expected to report early in the session.

Conspicuous in the records of the Congress will be the coming vigorous trust debates. The fight to amend the Sherman antitrust law already is on. In the House the question will be first considered by the Committee on Judiciary. This committee has determined also to report bills amending the injunction statutes and the contempt statutes, the latter to include provision for trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt. These will be pressed for passage before adjournment.

The committee has in hand a half-dozen bills providing amendment to the Sherman antitrust law. The most recent bill was drafted by Representative Henry of Texas, providing for temporary suspension of the antitrust laws and deemed to eliminate from the Sherman law the "rule of reason" as interpreted by the Supreme Court. Some sort of bill is certain to come from the committee bearing on this problem. In the Senate the trust question is under consideration in the hearings before the Committee on Interstate Commerce, which will continue for some time.

In line with the trust question will be the determination of the fate of the House special committee of inquiry into the United States Steel Corporation. The special committee has been tested against continuation of the hearing in view of the ruling of the government against it. The question is certain to be brought up in the House for settlement within a few days, and it will provoke a lively controversy.

Taft's Proposal.
As a part of the trust legislative plan President Taft has suggested a Federal incorporation act. He has stated his belief that a statute might be drawn—not as an amendment to

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the antitrust law—to furnish protection which would induce companies engaged chiefly in interstate trade to agree to government supervision of their transactions.

The National Monetary Commission will submit its report of the long and exhaustive inquiry by January 8. The central reserve bank plan advocated by former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, has been practically unanimously endorsed by the American Bankers' Association. Currency reform, however, probably will develop many different opinions before any legislation is enacted.

Of unusual interest in the Senate will be the continuance of the inquiry into the right of Senator Lorimer, of Illinois, to retain his seat. Hearings in the case which have been going on in Chicago since October will be resumed here tomorrow (December 6).

Conservation policies are to be urged on Congress. Included in this are water power, coal, phosphate, oil and gas and other resources. Early in the session the National Waterways Commission will report recommendations. A report also will be made by the Securities Commission relating to railroads and bonds and the special Postal Commission, which has held sessions in Washington, New York and St. Louis, also will report. The Employers' Liability Commission has formulated a report to submit to Congress.

Renewal of the effort to elect a President pro tempore of the Senate in place of Mr. Frye will be made. Senator Bacon was the leading candidate of the Democrats, and Senator Gallinger, the leader of the regular Republicans, last session. Senator Clapp was the choice of the Insurgent Republicans.

In the House an interesting feature of the session in all probability will be the abolition of the secret caucus by the Democratic majority.

Economy will continue to be the Democratic watchword in the House. In this connection all the investigations into government departments by the House committees on expenditures are to be continued and recommendations are to be made along lines of economy for each department of the government.

Economy, it is said, also will guide the Appropriations Committee. The first Democratic committee in many years to get a "whack" at the big appropriation supply bills, including the so-called "pork barrels." Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, is the chairman of the committee which will undertake the task of paring down the appropriations, which for the year of 1911-1912 amounted to \$1,026,287,595.81.

ADMIRAL AND VICE-ADMIRAL

Representative Roberts Introduces Measure of Interest to Naval Circles. Washington, D. C., December 4.—A bill of great interest to naval circles in Washington was introduced in the House today by Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts. It is intended to eliminate the embarrassment which high ranking naval officers of the United States have felt in the past when at gatherings with ranking naval officers of other nations, and proposes to recreate the grades of admiral and vice-admiral in the navy.

The bill provides that the rank of vice-admiral shall be filled from the list of rear admirals who have served as commanders of fleets, squadrons or divisions. The rank of admiral is to be filled from the list of vice-admirals. There have been no admirals or vice-admirals on the active list since immediately after the Civil War.

By the provisions of the bill, the

rank of admiral carries with it a salary of \$12,500, and that of vice-admiral \$11,000. A two-year extension of active service for both ranks is specified, with retirement at the age of sixty-five, with pay equal to three-fourths of active service pay.

Tillman in His Seat.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., December 4.—Senator Tillman of South Carolina today caused surprise among many persons here by appearing in his seat when the Senate was called to order. It was generally supposed that he would not be able to return to Washington at this time because of ill health. Aside from being off some what in weight, and showing the effects of long illness, the Senator looks as if he might be able to bear the burden of considerable hard work without serious effect. Many of his friends around the Senate gave him a hearty welcome and expressed the hope that he might be able to remain here throughout the session.

Expect Busy Session.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., December 4.—The members of the Virginia delegation who answered the roll call in the House today said that they believed a busy session was at hand. The same thing was done in the Senate, where both Senators Martin and Swanwick were on hand when the gavel fell, calling that body to order. Within the next few days many bills of local importance will be introduced by the various members and attention will be given to them by the committees to which they shall be referred.

Public Building for Ashland.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., December 4.—Ashland soon will have a Federal public building entirely suitable to the needs of the town if a bill which Congressman Lamb is now preparing and which he will offer during the next few days receives favorable consideration.

Captain Lamb announced today that he would ask the House Committee on Buildings and Grounds to take up the matter immediately.

**WILL ASK SURVEY
OF JAMES RIVER**

Congressman Lamb Thinks Result Will Be of Great Benefit to Richmond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., December 4.—Congressman John Lamb, in a bill which he will introduce in the House within the next few days, will ask for a complete survey of the James River from Richmond to the sea.

A thorough survey, it is said, will show that this river may be so straightened that the distance to the Atlantic Ocean will be reduced by something like twenty-five miles, the river cleared of obstructions and navigation for deep draft vessels made possible at all times.

"There is much in this proposition," said Captain Lamb today. "I shall ask for an immediate survey of the river at the head of the War Department, and I believe with a reduction of twenty-five or more miles in length, with other improvements that would be almost certain to follow, the commerce of the city, Richmond and along the way would be greatly increased, over what it already shows."

"The annual report of General Bixby, chief of engineers of the War Department, recently made public, indicates that the commerce on the

James is already great at Richmond, but we must remember that everything is 'progressive' at this time, and if we expect the city of Richmond to keep pace with other throughout the country we must take advantage of her waterway opportunities. Yes, I shall introduce such a measure almost immediately, and will ask that the matter be given immediate attention."

Splitted Bidding for Old Clock.

Woodstock, Va., December 4.—At the sale of the personal property of the late Elder S. J. Shaver, of Maurertown on Saturday the old "Grandfather" clock caused very spirited bidding between the three sons of the former Dunkard preacher, and was finally bid in by Dr. D. L. Shaver at \$25. The clock is several hundred years old, and has been in the family since its manufacture.

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